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## **REI PARTNERS WITH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION TO RESTORE TRAILS** *Additional Volunteers Needed to Support Project at Los Peñasquitos Preserve*

Recreation Equipment, Inc (REI) of San Diego has teamed up with the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation to sponsor a trail restoration volunteer event at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Local REI employees, County Parks and Recreation staff and community volunteers will work together to restore, repair and beautify rain-damaged trails in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

According to Renée Bahl, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, this event illustrates the importance of collaboration. "The Department is thrilled to have such outstanding partners like REI that assist us in preserving natural County park resources and in providing high quality recreational opportunities for residents," Bahl said.

For REI, giving back to the community is an integral part of doing business and has been a core corporate value for more than six decades. "Since REI employees also play and volunteer in the communities where we operate stores, REI maintains a tradition of annual service projects, bringing together employees, members and volunteers," said Gretchen Conroy, outreach specialist, REI San Diego.

Volunteers must pre-register by Oct. 21 by calling REI Customer Service at 858-279-4400 or 760-944-9020. All participants will receive complimentary lunch, a T-shirt, a water bottle and a carabineer key chain, compliments of REI.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve is located at 12020 Black Mountain Road in San Diego. Event participants will depart from the preserve's staging area. For additional information, please visit [www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org) or [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com).

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